

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Mail Stop: A-33  
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Attn: Karina Ortiz  
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FROM: Mail Stop: 0-368  
County of San Diego,  
Department of General Services  
Attn: Melanie Tylke  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410  
San Diego, CA 92123

State Clearinghouse

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: Approval of Amendment to Ground Lease for the AWM North County Regional Center

Project Location: 325 S. Melrose Drive, Vista, CA 92081 (APN: 166-150-94-00)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of General Services  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: Lease amendment to extend the existing lease agreement for executive and administrative office space office utilized by Agricultural, Weights and Measures for the North County Regional Center.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: January 26, 2024

County Contact Person: Bianca Lee-Cristaldi

Telephone: 619-569-7508

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on April 9, 2024 [Item 13], and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:


Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]  
 Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]  
 Statutory Exemption. C Section(s):  
 Categorical Exemption. G Sections: 15301 – Existing Facilities  
 G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan  
 Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.  
 G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

### Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

The Lease Amendment between the County of San Diego and Judicial Council of California is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, Existing Facilities as the Lease would allow for the continuation of an existing use at an existing facility that would have no permanent effects on the environment and does not involve the expansion or change of the existing use. This lease amendment extends the period of the lease agreement for an additional sixty (60) months and shall have the option to further extend the term of the lease for two (2) additional, successive periods of sixty (60) months each. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; and is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (619) 616-9326

Name (Print): Melanie Tylke Title: Environmental Project Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.